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Mexico Announces Import Permits (Cupos) for Green Coffee Beans

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Report Highlights:

On July 14, 2003, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" the 2003 quota level for imports of (robusta) green coffee beans.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an official announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on July 14, 2003.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On July 14, 2003, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) the 2003 quota level for worldwide imports of green (robusta) coffee beans. This announcement will remain in effect through December 31, 2003.

TARIFF LINES	DESCRIPTION	Minimum TRQ
0901.11.01	Coffee, green beans (robusta variety) non-roasted and non-decaffienated	9,000 MT

The mechanism through which the TRQ will be allocated is:

- ◆ Direct allocation, first come first serve, of 90 percent of the assigned TRQ to all those importers with previous import experience. The certificates (cupos) for this allocation will be valid until August 15, 2003.
- ◆ Direct allocation, first come first serve, of 10 percent of the assigned TRQ to all those without prior experience in importing coffee beans. The certificates (cupos) for this allocation will be valid until September 30, 2003.

The applications to request the cupo allocation must be submitted in form SE-03-011-1 at the offices of the General Directorate of Foreign Trade of SE.

Once the quantity to be imported is allocated under the TRQ, SE will issue the respective cupos certificates to the authorized companies. The cupo certificate must be used to import the product concerned or must be returned to the issuing office within 15 days following the expiration date of its validity period.

FAS/Mexico Note: This is NOT an invitation for bids to purchase green coffee beans. Rather, it is an auction of the right to import the listed products duty free. Thus, the auction is limited to Mexican companies within the domestic coffee industry who use coffee extracts in their production process. That fact notwithstanding, it impacts U.S. coffee bean exporters in that those Mexican importers who are granted the *cupos* will be looking for product to fill the permit shortly after the auction, if not earlier.

Important Dates

1. **Publication Date:** July 14, 2003
2. **Expiration Date:** August 15, 2002 and September 30, 2003

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